Educated unemployed youth in Assam

3009. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the educated unemployed youth in the State of Assam who applied for loan under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana for setting up their own industrial units/business since the year 1999-2000, till date;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the number of applications pending for approval; and

(d) the reasons for the delay and the steps taken by Government or proposed to be taken for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) As per the reports received from the State Government, 1,48,768 educated unemployed youth applied for loan under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) in Assam from 1999-2000 to 2002-03.

(c) As per the reports received from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), 3991 applications were pending for approval in Assam as on 31 -03-2003.

(d) As reported by the RBI and the State Government, the reasons for delay are: delay in completing pre-disbursement formalities by the applicants, arranging training for applicants before disbursement of loans, non-adherence to the quarterly schedule of sponsoring and disbursement of applications by the implementing agencies etc. For speedy disposal of applications, implementing agencies have been instructed to process and sponsor the pending applications expeditiously in the following year, to adhere to the time frame for disposing off the applications. Banks have been instructed to impart necessary sensitization programmes for the branch level officials to bring attitudinal changes etc. The State Governments have also been requested to help the applicants in completing pre-disbursement formalities *e.g.* getting work place, statutory clearances etc.

Sanction of loans under PMRY

3010. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) that have been recommended for sanction of loan by the Central Government in the year 2002-2003, State-wise;

(b) how many of these have been processed by the banks, State-wise;